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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated June 5, 2001, be extended 2 months from July 5, 2001, to September 5, 2001, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$390 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in accompanying Check No. 200620. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4125, referencing docket number 38-21(15793)B. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

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